

POLICY: EMERGENCY SCENE OPERATIONS

Hadley Township Fire Department
Policy #100

PURPOSE:

To provide a consistent and safe response to an incident in order to provide emergency services.

POLICY:

To maintain the most efficient and safe manner of responding to incidents, the following shall be considered our Guidelines for on scene operations. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the incorporation of this policy to control and mitigate an incident.

1. A minimum of one properly certified personnel shall respond on any apparatus.
2. Notify dispatch that the apparatus is en route.
3. The apparatus shall respond as quickly as possible with the driver keeping the safety of his/her crew and the welfare of civilians as his/her highest priority.
4. Upon arrival on the scene, a water supply to the apparatus will be established. The apparatus will be positioned to provide the best coverage of the incident, while at the same time, providing protection to the engineer and crew working from it.
5. The apparatus operator will notify Dispatch of their arrival on-scene and give a quick size-up of the incident to other responding units.
6. Command shall be established. The Incident Commander will analyze the information to determine the appropriate number of personnel and resources.
7. Other agencies, including Mutual Aid, should be considered if size-up determines that additional resources are necessary to mitigate the incident.
8. The RECEO matrix should be utilized by the Incident Commander as a Guide for tactical decisions.

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9. A Rapid Intervention Team (R.I.T.) shall be established prior to entry.
10. The Incident Commander may establish Rehabilitation and Staging areas.
11. Once an incident is deemed under control by the Incident Commander, surplus personnel, equipment and apparatus will be released from the scene.